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SUBJ: GOODWILL TRIP OF FINNAIR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION AND
AUDITORS TO US - OCTOBER 6 TO 11

REF: HELSINKI 1777

1. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF
FINNAIR'S BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION AND AUDITORS THAT
WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL FAMILIARIZATION AND GOODWILL
TRIP TO THE US DURING OCTOBER 6-11, 1975, AS PART OF
FINNAIR'S DC-10 INAUGURAL FLIGHTS.

2. THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE ON
OCTOBER 6, THE AUDITORS ON OCTOBER 8. BOTH GROUPS WILL
VISIT NEW YORK. SOME OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP AND THEIR WIVES WILL ALSO MAKE AN INFORMAL VISIT
TO WASHINGTON FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS.

3. GOODWILL GROUPS INCLUDE MANY NOTABLE NAMES IN
FINNISH POLITICS, SUCH AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT, AS WELL AS TOP ECONOMIC AND BANKING FIGURES.
AMONG THEM ARE: KALEVI SORSA, MP AND CHAIRMAN OF
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PRIME MINISTER 1972-1975,
FOREIGN MINISTER 1972); MR. AND MRS. C.O. TALLGREN,
MP AND CHAIRMAN OF SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY; GEORG C.
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EHRNROOTH, MP AND CHAIRMAN OF CONSTITUTIONALIST

PARTY; MRS. EVY TUOMINEN, WIFE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE HEIKKI TUOMINEN; PEKKA TARJANNE, MP AND CHAIRMAN OF LIBERAL PARTY (MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS 1972-75); AND MR. AND MRS. MIKKO IMMONEN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTER PARTY; MRS. AINO KARJALAINEN, MP (CENTER PARTY); MR. AND MRS. OLAVI LINDBLOM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD; OIVA SALOILA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POST AND TELEGRAPH; AND THE MANAGING DIRECTORS OF FINLAND'S TWO LEADING BANKS, MR. AND MRS. MIKA TIIVOLA, PYP, AND VEIKKO MAKONEN, KOP.

4. IN THE OPINION OF EMBASSY, THIS IS PROBABLY THE HIGHEST LEVEL LARGER GROUP THAT WILL HAVE VISITED THE US IN MANY YEARS. IN ADDITION TO MANY IN GROUPS WHO HAVE ALREADY HAD EXPOSURE TO US AND WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS, THERE ARE THOSE FOR WHOM THIS GOODWILL FAMILIARIZATION TRIP WILL BE THEIR FIRST REAL LOOK AT US. VISIT IS UNFORTUNATELY A SHORT ONE, BUT THEREFORE PERHAPS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT A LEAST SOME OF LEADING MEMBERS OF GROUPS WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO STAY ON FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD.

5. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION GROUP WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEPTEMBER 29 FINNAIR INAUGURAL FLIGHT. DUE TO FACT THAT SO MANY OF ITS LEADING LIGHTS ARE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND MUST BE PRESENT ON OCTOBER 1 FOR SWEARING IN OF NEW PARLIAMENT, THEIR VISIT WAS CHANGED TO OCTOBER 6. THIS GOODWILL GROUP WILL THEREFORE BE ARRIVING AT NEW YORK'S JFK AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 6 AT 1705 LOCAL TIME BY FINNAIR DC-10 FLIGHT AY-103. GIVEN THE FACT GROUP IS COMPOSED OF SO MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF HIGHEST LEVELS OF FINNISH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE, APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AT JFK-- INCLUDING EXPEDITIOUS IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS PROCESSING -- IS REQUESTED.

6. THE PROGRAM OF THE GROUPS, WHICH WILL BE WORKED OUT BY FINNAIR IN NEW YORK AND THE FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED. WHEN PROGRAM BECOMES AVAILABLE, AND IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF GROUPS, UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT. MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS NOW SCHEDULED TO MAKE TRIP ON OCTOBER 6: MR. (AND MRS.) VELI ARVONEN, COUNSELLOR OF MINING (CHAIRMAN). MR. (AND MRS.) EINO RAUNIO, CITY COUNSELLOR (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN). MR. (AND MRS.) ANTTI AARNIO-WIHURI, PRESIDENT, WIHURI OY.

MR. (AND MRS.) ANTTI AHO, SOCIAL COUNSELLOR, OUTOKUMPU OY, TORNIO.

MR. JORMA HENTILA, ASST TO GENERAL SECRETARY, FINNISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

MR. (AND MRS.) RAIMO ILASKIVI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, INDUSTRIAL MORTGAGE BANK OF FINLAND LTD.

MR. (AND MRS.) MIKKO IMMONEN, SEC GEN, CENTER PARTY.

MRS. (AND MR.) AINO KARJALAINEN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

MR. (AND MRS.) LENNAR KIVI, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, CENTRAL COOPERATIVE SOCIETY-OTK, MEMBER OF FINNISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

MR. (AND MRS.) ERIK LILIUS, PRESIDENT OF OTSO INSURANCE.

MR. (AND MRS.) OLAVI LINDBLOM, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD.

MR. KALEVI SORSA, CHAIRMAN, FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

MR. (AND MRS.) C.O. TALLGREN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, CHAIRMAN OF SWEDISH PARTY.

MR. OIVA SALOILA, DIR GEN OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

MR. (AND MRS.) MIKA TIIVOLA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, POHJOISMAIDEN YHDYSPANKKI.

MRS. EVY TUOMINEN, (WIFE OF MR. HEIKKI TUOMINEN, MINISTER OF FINANCE).

MR. VEIKKO MAKKONEN, DIR GEN, KANSALLIS-OSAKE-PANKKI.

PROBABLY ALSO:

R. MATTI VIRKKUNEN, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL, KANSALLIS-OSAKE-PANKKI.

MR. PEKKA TARJANNE, FORMER MINISTER OF TRAFFIC.

THE AUDITORS OF FINNAIR WHO WILL ALSO MAKE TRIP, BUT DEPART FROM HELSINKI ON OCTOBER 8, ARE:

MR. J.O. KAHLAS, THE AUDIT COUNSELLOR, STATE ECONOMY COMPTROLLERS' OFFICE, HELSINKI.

MR. GEORG C. EHRNROOTH, LICENTIATE OF LAW (MEMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PARLIAMENT), HELSINKI.

MR. ANTTI HELENIUS, M.B.A., (ACCOUNTANT APPROVED BY CENTRAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FINLAND), ACCOUNTANT OFFICE SALMI, VIRKKUNEN AND HELENIUS, HELSINKI.

MR. VEIKKO KINNUNEN, ASST DIR FINANCING NESTE OY, HELSINKI.

MR. PAAVO LIPPONEN, M.POL.S., FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HELSINKI.

MR. JUHA SIPILA, DIRECTOR, COUNSEL OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN FINLAND, HELSINKI.

MR. PENTTI SORVALI, CHIEF EDITOR, SUOMENMAA, (CHIEF PARTY ORGAN OF CENTER PARTY), HELSINKI.

MR. ERKKI KIVIMAKI, SECRETARY, (ORGANIZATION SECRETARY OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN FINLAND), HELSINKI.

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